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In re Patent Application of)
Ronald MATHISON et al) Group Art Unit: 1654
Application No.: 09/051,395) Examiner: Jameison
Filed: May 8, 1998)
For: PEPTIDES FOR TREATMENT OF)
INFLAMMATION AND SHOCK)

REPLY TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete reply to the Official Action [Restriction for Requirement] mailed November 9, 1998, Applicants respectfully elect Group I, claims 1-15, which are drawn to peptides of the Formula R1-X1-X2-R2 and a method for preventing an anaphylactic reaction in mammals, with traverse.

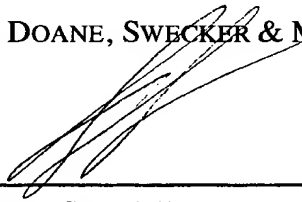
Applicants respectfully traverse the requirement for restriction because Applicants believe that Group II and/or Group III which are drawn to a method for preventing or reducing endotoxic reaction in a mammal and a method for treating an inflammatory disorder, respectively, should also be examined at the present time. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the requirement for restriction to include all of Groups I, II, and III. Applicants do not believe that an examination of all three groups would be unduly burdensome to the Examiner.

Applicants also respectfully elect species (F) Phe-GLU-GLY. Claims readable on that species include at least claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 12, 14 and 15. Applicants understand that this election for species is only made for purposes of assisting the Examiner in beginning the search.

Should the Examiner have any questions, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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